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Fax to: Sean Cairney  
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Dear Sean,

Your name and number was kindly given to me by a very pleasant man in Mentone, associated with the Scottish Council of Clans Aust Inc. Having heard my request, he advised me that an appropriate avenue would be via the column "Seeking" in your paper Scottish Banner.

In summary, I want to make contact with a particular branch of the McDowalls, most likely but not necessarily living in Melbourne, and my first thought was to use the Melbourne telephone directory, but inspection indicated I would need to ring 60 telephone numbers or write 60 letters in the hope of getting the right one. A paid advertisement in Seeking seems a much more sensible approach, as I understand that you have an Australia wide readership. So, if I give you the essence of my need, perhaps you would be kind enough to massage my words for a suitable inclusion in your next issue of the Scottish Banner, and send me your bill for payment. Also, please tell me where I can get a copy of the paper when it is published.

The background is as follows. A group of descendants of the married couple, Thomas and Mary Pescott are planning to hold a Pescott family gathering in Geelong next Easter. This will be the 150th anniversary of Tom and Mary's marriage. One of their 10 children, Fannie Wailes Pescott married a Thomas James Purvis, and they had two daughters Daisy & Hazel. Hazel married Kenneth McDowell, and they had Molly and Neil. Molly and Neil, if alive today would be in their late 70s to early 80s.

Kenneth McDowell had a rubber products retail business operating out of premises in Elizabeth Street Melbourne we think. He sold the business some time around 1950 to a larger similar type of operation, name unknown to us. They lived in a house very near the beach between Brighton Beach and Hampton Melbourne.

So, a possible entry in Seeking might read like this.

"Seeking information about Kenneth McDowell, his wife Hazel nee Purvis, their children Molly and Neil McDowell, or any descendants. The McDowell family had a rubber products retail store in Melbourne during the 1940s and 1950s, and lived in a beachside house near Hampton Melbourne. Please contact George Stevens, 12 Minerva Avenue Vincentia NSW 2540, tel 02 4441 6992.

Thankyou, and I look forward to hearing from you

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Stevens". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

George Stevens